

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: Svendsen et al                      Confirmation No: 5093

Serial No.: 10/588,555                                      Group Art Unit: 1652

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For: Protease Variants

**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 of the above-identified application.

1. Applicants enclose an Amendment under 37 C.F.R. 1.111 and an Information Disclosure Statement (IDS).
2. Applicants request that the time for response to the Office Action dated April 8, 2009 be extended for a period of two (2) months from July 8, 2009 up to and including September 8, 2009.
3. All required fees were charged to Novozymes North America, Inc.'s Deposit Account No. 50-1701 at the time of electronic filing. The USPTO is authorized to charge this Deposit Account should any additional fees be due.

Respectfully submitted,

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